

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-53 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

The Examiner objected to the drawings.

The Examiner alleges that Figure 3 should be designated by a legend such as Prior Art.

This rejection is traversed.

Applicants do not see anything in the instant application to indicate that Figure 3 was intended to be Prior Art.

Claims 20 and 40 were objected to because of informalities.

By the instant amendment, Claims 20 and 40 have been amended taking into consideration the helpful comments of the Examiner.

Claims 19-20, 39-40, and 52-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

By the instant amendment, Claims 19 and 39 have been amended taking into consideration the helpful comments of the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-53 are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicants believe is their invention.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee; and Claims 4, 5, 24, 25, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Lee.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Lee does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including an voltage adjusting block to determine a total strength to be applied to the output buffer in independent Claims 1, 21, and 44 albeit defined as the method step of determining the total strength of the output buffer and changing the strength of the output buffer gradually while providing the second value to said output buffer to reach the total strength in independent Claim 48.

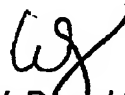
Lee is silent as to this aspect.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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